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SUBJ: PASSPORT DENIAL FOR IV GRANTEE

1. IN AN INTRODUCTORY CALL YESTERDAY (MAY 16) ON MFA DEPARTMENT II DIRECTOR SZEWCZYK, I RAISED THE CASE OF TADEUSZ MAZOWIECKI, EDITOR OF CATHOLIC ZNAK PUBLICATION WIEZ, WHO RECENTLY TOLD US HE HAD BEEN DENIED A PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THE US AS AN IV GRANTEE. I TOLD SZEWCZYK THAT CASES OF THIS SORT PROVIDE AMMUNITION TO U.S. CRITICS OF OUR EXCHANGE PROGRAM, MANY OF WHOM CHARGE THAT WE INVITE ONLY PARTY MEMBERS OR POLES ACCEPTABLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT. I ASKED SZEWCZYK TO LOOK INTO THE MAZOWIECKI DENIAL.

2. SZEWCZYK SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE MATTER, BUT HE DOUBTED IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE. HE SAID THE GOP CANNOT APPROVE TRAVEL OF "ANTI-POLISH" FIGURES, AT LEAST NOT WHEN THEIR TRIPS ARE PAID BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. I ASKED IF THIS WOULD ALSO BE THE CASE IF THE INVITATION CAME FROM NON-OFFICIALS SOURCES. SZEWCZYK SAID IT USUALLY WOULD. HE INSISTED THAT THE AUTHORITIES IN WARSAW DO NOT MAKE

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LOYALTY TO THE REGIME A PREREQUISITE FOR TRAVEL ABROAD UNDER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. HE CITED THE CASE OF A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (OF LUBLIN) PROFESSOR (PRESUMABLY RYSZARD BENDER) WHO RECENTLY WENT TO THE US UNDER THE IV PROGRAM. WHAT COULD NOT BE TOLERATED, HE SAID, WAS APPROVAL OF TRAVEL IN CASE OF PEOPLE ACTIVELY WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF POLAND.

THIS IS WHY PERSONS SUCH AS MAZWOECKI AND
BARANCZAK (WARSAW 3553) WILL NOT BE GIVEN PASSPORTS,
NO MATTER HOW MUCH PRESSURE IS BROUGHT TO BEAR BY THE
USG.

3. SZEWCZYK AND I EXCHANGED A FEW OTHER OPINIONS ON
THIS GENERAL SUBJECT, ALL ALONG THE LINES OF WELL-
ESTABLISHED US-POLISH POSITION.
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